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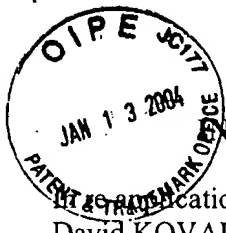
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Applicants respectfully request a refund of an improper charge for the following reason:

On November 17, 2003, Applicants timely submitted an Appellants' Brief, including Appendix A. In the accompanying transmittal letter, Applicants' counsel authorized the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to charge the \$330.00 for this Appeal Brief to Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.031. Courtesy copies of the Appeal Brief and transmittal letter are attached, together with a copy of a date-stamped postcard receipt.

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Because the referenced Appeal Brief was timely filed and a 2-month extension of time fee was erroneously charged to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, Applicants hereby request that a refund in the amount of \$420.00 be credited to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.031. A duplicate of this Request is enclosed.

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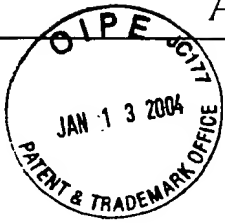
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The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO):

1. a Request for Refund of Improper Charge to Deposit Account (in duplicate);
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4. a courtesy copy of an Appellants' Brief and associated transmittal letter filed November 17, 2003;
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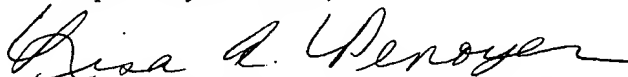
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Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including extensions of time fees necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.031. In addition, Applicants respectfully request that any credit associated with the present filing be credited to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.031. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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